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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
CONTROL METHOD FOR THE SAME, AND  
PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTING THE  
CONTROL METHOD

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ELECTION

Sir:

This is a timely reply to the Restriction requirement mailed 05 February 2008. No fee is due. The Commissioner, however, is authorized to charge any unaccounted fee(s), such as for extension of time, excess claim fees, etc., required to maintain pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.

REMARKS

The examiner required applicant to elect a single species, between Species I (Fig. 1 and 7), Species II (Fig. 8), and Species III (Fig. 9). The examiner states that no claim is generic, and characterized claim 1 as being directed to Species I, claim 4 as being directed to Species II, and claim 6 as being directed to Species III.

Applicant elects Species I directed to Figs. 1 and 7. Applicant submits that at least claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, and 12 read on the elected Species. Independent claims 1, 6, and 11 are generic to at least Species I and II.

Note that claim 3, not claim 4, reads on Species II, and claim 4, not claim 6, reads on Species III. Elected claims 6/7 and 11/12 correspond to claims 1/2.

Respectfully submitted,

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